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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Establishment of the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee Subcommittee for Security Control (Security Advisory Board).

1. By memorandum SM-4140, dated 20 November 1945, the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

a. Informed the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee that the Security Advisory Board of the Office of War Information had been abolished as of 31 August 1945, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 9608 (31 August 1945).

b. Proposed that the remaining functions of the Security Advisory Board of OWI be assumed by the State Department.

2. In SWNCC 252, dated 21 January 1946, the acting State member of SWNCC recommended that SWNCC appoint a subcommittee to be known as the Security Advisory Board and to be composed of State, War and Navy members with a permanent Secretariat to carry out the residual functions of the liquidated Security Advisory Board of OWI.

3. The Army member of SWNCC by SWNCC 252/1, dated 30 January 1946, approved, as an interim measure, the recommendation of the Acting State member contained in SWNCC 252, however, recommended further that the Board, when created, submit reports and recommendations to SWNCC regarding:

a. The necessity for a charter for the Board or other action to make the Board effective and

b. The desirability of placing the Board under the National Intelligence Authority at a future date.

4. a. SWNCC subsequently appointed an ad hoc committee to report on SWNCC 252.

b. The ad hoc committee report (Inclosure to SWNCC 252/2, dated 5 February 1946) concluded that:

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(1) The problem presented in SWNCC 252 involved "a matter of common interest" to the State, War and Navy Departments who are the largest producers of classified information.

(2) There is no need for an additional agency to carry out the old SWI Security Advisory Board functions nor is there an existing departmental agency which could advantageously assume these functions.

(3) The assigned functions would not entail conflict with existing departmental or agency authority and responsibility.

c. The ad hoc committee strongly recommended that the Security Advisory Board be re-established as a subcommittee of SWNCC as soon as possible.

5. By informal action of 3 April 1946, SWNCC approved the ad hoc committee report (Enclosure to SWNCC 252/2).

6. Tab A, a letter from Mr. E. T. Anderson, Acting Chairman, Security Advisory Board, dated April 18, 1946, encloses a memorandum from SWNCC, dated 5 April 1946, which establishes the SWNCC Subcommittee for Security Control, to be known as the Security Advisory Board, and outlines its assigned functions. Mr. Anderson requests that the Central Intelligence Group designate an officer to act in a liaison capacity with the Board on all matters affecting the security of this Group and to attend Board meetings to discuss security problems common to all civilian governmental departments and agencies.

7. It is recommended that:

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a. Tab B, designating [ ] as your principal representative and [ ] as your alternate representative to serve in a liaison capacity with the SWNCC Security Advisory Board, be signed and dispatched.

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b. The Central Intelligence Group liaison officers thus nominated closely observe the functioning of the Security Advisory Board with a view to gathering experience upon which to base a specific recommendation to you as to the desirability of initiating action which would place the Board under the National Intelligence Authority at a future date.

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Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff

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Memo for Records:

1. Mr. S. T. Anderson, Acting Chairman of the Security Advisory Board, when telephoned by [ ] on 29 April, recommended that, in view of the fact that high-level security policy matters will be discussed at Board meetings attended by a representative of CIG, the Acting Chief of the Security Branch, CPS, CIG, would be better suited to serve as the CIG Representative than an administrative-type Security officer. Colonel Blakemore, Army member of the SAB, telephoned by [ ] on 30 April, also believed it advisable that [ ] act as the CIG representative. 25X1A9A  
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2. Informal Concurrence: Administrative Section, CIG 25X1A9A  
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